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Testimony of Fire Marshal Shawn Esler Office of State Fire Marshal

Neither for nor against LD 603

**An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses**

Presented by Representative COOPER of Windham.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, CIMINO of Bridgton, COLLINS of Sidney,  
CRAY of Palmyra, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford,  
OLSEN of Raymond.  
Committee on Housing and Economic Development

Honorable Senator Curry, Honorable Representative Gere, and honorable members of the Housing and Economic Development:

My name is Fire Marshal Shawn Esler, and I am providing testimony on behalf of the Maine Department of Public Safety to testify neither for nor against LD 603 "An Act to Ensure That the Exemption of Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Includes Maple Sugarhouses"

Currently under the 2015 IBC section C101 of the appendix, "The provision of this appendix shall apply exclusively to agriculture buildings".

If the building is used for the development of maple syrup, we feel this meets the appendix referenced for agricultural building under the MUBEC and is exempt.

If the building is going to be built for public occupancy and sales, then it may require permitting for construction.